

Town of Stonington, CT
Stonington Harbor Management Commission
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2008
7:00 PM
Stonington Police Headquarters
Final Minutes

A regular Meeting of the Stonington Harbor Management Commission was held on July 14,, 2008 at the Stonington Police Station at 7:00 p.m. Attending the meeting were: Rod Johnstone, William Abt, George Kenyon, Jack Gorby, Bill Geary, Alan Banister, Chair Peter Vermilya, Harbormaster Eric Donch, and Deputy Harbormaster Charles Estabrooks.

1. Chairman Vermilya called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **MINUTES** of June 9, 2008

The draft minutes for the June 9, 2008 meeting were accepted without change.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Vermilya reported the following correspondence:

Out of Jurisdiction

- 1 DEP approval, Masons Island
- 1 DEP approval, Cove Road, Mystic
- 1 application for approval, Masons Island

In Jurisdiction

Ltr from Jodi Rell appointing Charles Estabrook as Deputy Harbormaster
Notice from Stonington First Selectman Office that Rod and Ed are up for reappointment. The First Selectman's Office will contact Don Maranell, Stonington Borough Warden

E-mail sent to lawyer Tom Londregan asking for comments on the letter from the law firm of Robinson and Cole concerning the Mohegan/Fedderson proposal to rewrite the Borough zoning rules for land zoned "marine use".

DEP tentative approval to build a pier with ladders and tie off piling at 257 Wamphassuc Point.

Notice of a hearing to be held by the Borough P&Z Commission on August 12 on a request by the Mohegan Indians, as landlords, to alter the building now being used by the SHYC as a youth sailing facility by rebuilding an existing landing and set of stairs, adding a second exit, with a landing and stairs, and erecting boat racks on the north side of the building.

Bills Paid/Outstanding;

1311.37 paid to Eric Donch, Harbormaster, for support.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Abt reported that the Commission had
17,732.59 in general funds with the Town, and had
100.00 allocated to the Boat Fund, and
8420.00 allocated to the Harbormaster Dock Fund

5. HARBORMASTER REPORT

Report is appended to these Minutes

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Dodson dock expansion/ wharfing out policies

Bob Snyder, Managing Director of Dodsons Boatyard, and Mark Arruda, further explained the proposal by Dodsons Boatyard to expand both of its work docks by 180' apiece as outlined in the Dodson letter to the Commission of June 4, 2008. Commission members agreed that any expansion of Dodson's dock must fit within a policy which would cover wharfing out for the whole harbor. Chairman Vermilya, Rod Johnstone and Bill Geary will develop this policy. Wes Maxwell will comment on the Dodson proposal for the Wadawanuck Club.

- officials
liability insurance
- B. Harbormaster dock and Pumpout boat facility
Chairman Vermilya outlined the next steps in the process of realizing the dock:
- Obtaining Waterfront Commission permission to use its leased land
- Formulating Rules-of-use for new dock with Stonington and .Westerly
- Settling the details of the Towns assumption of tile and
- Obtaining refreshed bids from the two venders.
At this point, a second attempt at getting a Bid waiver from Board of Finance will be made.
- C. Winter stake removal/mooring locations (GIS)
Alan Banister announced that there would be a harbor tour of SHMC members, the two Harbormasters, and representatives of the three boatyards/marinas on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 3pm.
- Commission
available for
- D. Transient Anchorage area
Alan Banister said that the buoys now being used by the Stonington Shellfish to mark its scallop farm in Little Narragansett Bay may be appropriate and use to mark the Transient Anchorage area
- E. Deputy Harbormaster/ Harbormaster duty sharing/Status of the SHMC web site
See the Harbormaster report

7. NEW BUSINESS

Mooring for rent:

Alan Banister mentioned that there was a notice of a mooring for rent currently in the window of Toms Newsstand in the Borough. Harbormaster Donch said he was aware of it and would be tracking down the poster.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Jeff Dolph, of 5 Wamphassuc Point Rd., inquired of the Commission if, because of the location of his house on Lamberts Cove, he was entitled to a mooring in Stonington harbor because of littoral rights. Chairman Vermilya informed him that Lamberts Cove was out of the jurisdiction of the SHMC and that he must deal directly with Harbormaster Donch.
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- B. Arthur Griffin inquired of the Commission if he could reclaim his old mooring location that he had occupied in the 1980's but had abandoned, because the location has not been reassigned. He was informed that because he had not used his mooring for 60 days without informing the Harbormaster, he had lost his mooring location. This is clearly stated in Article 4, Section 18 of Ordinance.
- C. Richard Sattler brought to the attention of the Commission that Dodsons launch service was denied him, his family, and his venders by Bob Snyder, based solely on Snyder's personal vendetta with him.

George Kenyon moved, and Alan Banister seconded, a motion to adjourn at 9:20pm

Next meeting on August 11, 2008